



**City Council Questions and Answers for
Thursday, March 27, 2014**

These questions and answers are related to the
Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on
Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Austin City Hall
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX



**Mayor Lee Leffingwell
Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole
Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1
Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2
Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3
Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4
Council Member William Spelman, Place 5**

The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

1. Agenda Item # 13 - Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal cooperation agreement authorized by Ordinance No. 20130829-036 between the City of Austin and the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System (ILA) to further specify the applicable fee waivers, means of conveying real property, project boundaries, and scope of work, and also waiving certain fees and requirements for the realignment of Red River Street and related work as specified in the ILA.
 - a. QUESTION: Please provide a copy of the Interlocal agreement, with the requested changes marked. COUNCIL MEMBER SPELMAN
 - b. ANSWER: Pending
2. Agenda Item # 20-28: 20. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to add 20 miles per hour school zones on segments of Pecan Creek Parkway, Salt Mill Hollow, and Millwright Parkway for students attending Anderson Mill Elementary School; and provide for emergency passage. 21. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to add 20 and 25 miles per hour school zones on segments of Turtle Rock Road, Broadmeade Avenue, and Anderson Mill Road for students attending Live Oak Elementary School and Deerpark Middle School; and provide for emergency passage. 22. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to add 20 miles per hour school zones on segments of Lake Creek Parkway, Deerbrook Trail, and School House Lane for students attending Noel Grisham Middle School; and provide for emergency passage. 23. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to add 20 miles per hour school zones on segments of Tanglebriar Trail and El Salido Parkway for students attending Purple Sage Elementary School; and provide for emergency passage. 24. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to add a 25 miles per hour school zone to a segment of Anderson Mill Road for students attending Spicewood Elementary School; and provide for emergency passage. 25. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to add 20 miles per hour school zones on segments of Mellow Meadow Drive and Hymeadow Drive for students attending Westwood High School; and provide for emergency passage. 26. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) to establish a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a segment of Boulder Lane. 27. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to establish a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a segment of East Braker Lane; add 20 mile per hour school zones on segments of East Braker Lane for students attending Graham

Elementary School; and provide for emergency passage. 28. Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to extend the 20 miles per hour school zone on a segment of Harris Avenue for students attending Lee Elementary School; and provide for emergency passage.

a. QUESTION: Do schools need to apply for a reduced speed limit in a school zone or do staff identify schools where the reduced speed limits would be appropriate? Do reduced speed limit school zones surround all public schools?
COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO

b. ANSWER" Pending

3. Agenda Item # 34: Approve a resolution initiating a code amendment to amend the "Transit" criteria included in Section 25-1-703(B)(4) related to the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program requirements that specifies that a project needs to be within ½ mile of a transit stop, and that the route from the project to the transit stop is an accessible route for pedestrians and people with disabilities and directing the City Manager to present the amendment to Council in conjunction with the 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan or as soon as possible thereafter.

a. QUESTION: This item would initiate a process to change the criteria the City currently uses for S.M.A.R.T. housing. Please explain why the criteria for transportation has been a guideline rather than a requirement and whether stakeholders have provided feedback about this proposed change. If the requirement had been in place 5 years ago, would any past projects have been impacted? Would this change impact developments that plan to apply for support through the state's tax credit program? Does NHCD support this change? COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO

b. ANSWER: Pending

4. Agenda Item # 39: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to analyze and report to Council the costs and timelines for a variety of short- and long-term water-related capital projects and funding options available.


a. QUESTION: Staff indicated that they are preparing information related to capital planning for water infrastructure and that the information would be ready during the first quarter of 2014. When will that information be complete and presented to Council? How does the information staff planned to present align with the information called for in this resolution? COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO


b. ANSWER: Pending

5. Agenda Item # 56: Conduct a public hearing and consider an appeal by Kareem Hajjar regarding the Planning Commission's denial of a conditional use site plan (Weather Up, SPC-2013-0405A) with a late-hours permit and parking variance for an existing restaurant located at 1808 East Cesar Chavez St.

- a. QUESTION: Have any code compliance violations/citations been issued for this business? COUNCIL MEMBER TOVO
- b. ANSWER: Pending

END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

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